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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) There is no project now by the name of Siddeswaram Project. If the Member refers to the Siddeswaram reservoir part of the Krishna-Pennar Project, the answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The whole question of utilisation of the waters of the Krishna and what schemes should be included in the integrated project to be included in the Five-Year Plan is being examined by the Planning Commission and its final decision is awaited."

Drinking-water wells in Wandiwash.

* 759 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether any drinking-water wells were executed in Wandiwash since 1950 and if so, how many of them are now in good condition?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (1) No wells were sunk in Wandiwash Panchayat since 1950 by the Government; but 12 existing wells in the Panchayat area were deepened due to adverse seasonal conditions and they are in good condition.

" (2) One hundred and sixteen wells were sunk since 1950 in Wandiwash taluk under the Rural Water-Supply Scheme and 70 wells were deepened. All of them are in good condition."

Improvement to the Thalugai Bathirpettai Tank Irrigation in Musiri taluk.

* 760 *Q.*—SRI N. RAJAGOPAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any representation made in 1947 to improve the Thalugai Bathirpettai Tank Irrigation in Musiri taluk in Tiruchirappalli district ; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken to effect improvement to the tank?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) No representation was received in 1947, but representations were received in 1946 and in 1950 for restoring 2 different tanks in the village.

" (*b*) The Government examined the cases in consultation with the Chief Engineer (Irrigation). It was found in the first case, viz., the Talugai tank, that it was not feasible, as the restoration of the tank would involve submersion of 100 acres of good paddy fields to benefit 160 acres of dry lands which were neither favourably situated nor were of promising quality. The petitioner was therefore informed accordingly. The restoration of the second tank (a private kuttai in S. No. 178) was also found not feasible since it involved the